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## Jill Joachim

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December 10, 2005 08:06 PM

The Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal. Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

Jill Joachim

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Senator Richard Lugar Senator Evan Bayh Representative Chris Chocola

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#### Lisa Perfetti

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Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Clinton:

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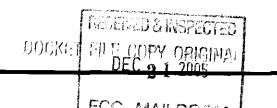
Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Perfetti

#### **Ernie Stover**

216 Wright Rd., Beckley, WV 25801



Senator John Rockefeller U.S. Senate 531 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Nancy Mansor

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November 1, 2005 8:27 PM

Senator Carl Levin U.S. Senate 269 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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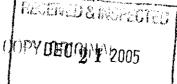
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Sincerely,

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### Raymond Hamblin

1 Queens Court, West Chester, OH 45069

November 1, 2005 8:09 PM

Senator George Voinovich U.S. Senate 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Voinovich:

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Sincerely, Raymond Hamblin Cincinnati, Ohio cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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The Federal Communications Commission

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#### Jane warner

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November 30, 2005 11:38 PM

Senator Ron Wyden U.S. Senate 230 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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#### **David Jones**

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Representative John Duncan U.S. House of Representatives 2267 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 1, 2005 7:02 PM

Senator Bill Nelson U.S. Senate 716 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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